

# 2022-2025 Strategic Direction

## Our Vision

Every Wimmera Southern Mallee child succeeds in learning and life

## Our Commitment

To partner with families, communities, service providers and researchers to identify, test and implement solutions to nurture our most precious asset: children

## Our Priorities

1. Equitable access
2. High quality care
3. Engagement and participation
4. Confident and connected families
5. Supportive community environments

## Our Focus

- All children from conception to school transition
- Parents, carer's and families of children
- Early Years Services that support children, families and carer's
- The communities of the WSM

## Our Approach

- Place-based solutions that make a difference in the WSM
- Leverage local resources
- Utilise the latest evidence to support decision making
- Innovate, test, evaluate, improve, and share
- Harness and use local data
- Advocate for sustainable solutions to local issues

## Our Collaborators

- WSM Regional Partnership
- Individuals, families and communities
- Learning and research partners
- Aboriginal community controlled organisations
- Local, state and federal government
- Healthcare, government, community, education and social care providers

## Our Goals

- Ensure all WSM children and families have access to quality universal early years services in the quantity required for children to thrive, particularly:
  - › Antenatal care
  - › Maternal and child health
  - › Early childhood education and care
- Improve access to targeted and treatment services, required for children to thrive, particularly:
  - › Social care
  - › Parenting support
  - › Primary care
  - › Paediatric specialists
- Improve community conditions known to support children and families

## Our Outcome

*By 2030, the percentage of developmentally vulnerable children in all LGAs across the WSM will be equal to or less than the Victorian average as per the Australian Early Development Census*